

FRIENDS OF IRISH FREEDOM WAVER

Convention Here Takes No Definite Stand, but England Is Denounced.

England received the usual lambasting and America the usual warning of British perfidy in the oratory that consumed the first day's session of the national convention of the Friends of Irish Freedom in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor yesterday. But in none of the speeches was the rejection by the Irish people of the agreement with England flatly advocated.

If the temper of the gathering could be correctly judged from these platform utterances, the convention is not likely to take an extreme position, but will probably insist that if the Irish in Ireland decide that the status of the Irish Free State is the best they could hope for at this time it must be regarded as a step toward complete independence. The dominant figure in the convention is Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Coahalan, who is a bitter ender as regards Ireland, but whose speech yesterday was characterized by moderation. He was elected permanent chairman and therefore had the appointment of the resolutions committee. This committee, with John Archdeacon Murphy of Brooklyn as chairman, will make its report, including a plank dealing with the Irish Free State, at 10 o'clock this morning.

At previous meetings of the Friends of Irish Freedom the name of De Valera who quarreled with the Coahalan branch of the clan a year or so ago, has been hoisted and hissed. Now they find themselves generally in agreement with him as to the insufficiency of the agreement between the Irish leaders and Lloyd George.

The temporary chairman, Michael J. Ryan of Philadelphia, accused the British Government of constant deceit, and referred to Arthur Balfour as "Bloody Balfour." He charged the English with originating propaganda against Japan in this country, and with many other offenses, but as to the proposed Irish settlement he said:

"If the Irish say 'Yes' we can only say to them, 'God be with you till we meet again. God bless you and prosper you.'"

Justice Coahalan was cheered several minutes when he arose as permanent chairman. He was described by Mr. Ryan as "the foremost man of our race, the man who made Ireland the subject of discussion in the senate houses of the world." Justice Coahalan dwelt on what he termed the dangers of British influence getting control of American affairs.

"We give notice," he added, "to England at home and to her representatives in Ireland and America, and to her agents who are openly her agents or her disguised agents, that Mr. Harding and Mr. Hughes are not going to be able to have their present scheme of an alliance go through any more than Mr. Wilson and Mr. House put through their League of Nations." He pledged himself to work for the "absolute and utter freedom" of Ireland until it was achieved.

"It has been said," he continued, "that we are guided more by hatred of England than love of Ireland. That is not true. It is love of America that impels us to fight that the United States may not be delivered over to the imperialistic schemes of Great Britain."

Rival Crowds Use Stones in Fighting at Belfast

BELFAST, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—Rival crowds stoned each other vigorously to-night until they were dispersed by the police.

After much unrest last night and sporadic firing during the day, without casualties, the trouble grew steadily until the crowds took to throwing stones to-night.

ANGLO-IRISH PACT SURE OF PASSAGE

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ship, with Collins as Finance Minister, accommodation between the north and south would prove easier than if De Valera were head of the southern government.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, Secretary for Ireland, in an article appearing in tomorrow's edition of the *Weekly Despatch* says: "Achievements, not humiliations, is the note in the treaty of peace with Ireland, for the Irish race throughout the world." His article deals with a review of events leading up to the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

"It will cement our empire, make Anglo-American friendship permanent and remove from international affairs a persistent challenge to British prestige and strength," says Sir Hamar.

The Government's policy of a united Cabinet and the stand taken by a majority of the present Parliament, which never adopted the pre-war attitude toward Ireland, are assigned by him as the chief factors in the success of the conference.

"Michael Collins," he says, "was the moving spirit of the Irish Republican army, and the conference happily concluded was between men representing the reality of fighting forces. His colleagues and himself were the young Ireland, the real Ireland of the south and west. Both sides knew the alternative to the treaty was more bloodshed. The Prime Minister and the Cabinet considered it perfectly obvious that if peace was to be made with Ireland it must be made with fighting Sinn Féin. Therefore, the Dail was allowed the selection of representatives without suggestions being made, as some timid people wished, that the leaders of the Irish Republican army should be excluded."

Sir Hamar says "the Irish policy from start to finish was that of the whole Cabinet," adding that the establishment of the Parliament of northern Ireland was "an indispensable preliminary to a settlement of the whole question and to the ultimate unity of Ireland."

He praises Sir James Craig's courage in making "one of the first gestures for peace" by meeting Eamon de Valera in Dublin last May. He describes Sir James as "an outstanding Irishman who may yet be Prime Minister of all Ireland."

With reference to the first meeting in London with the Irish delegates he says: "I am bound to admit that my immediate interest was in Mr. Michael Collins. I had never seen him before. For many months he evaded capture, and his escapes constitute a thrilling chapter of his life. Now we sat opposite at a table of peace. We were face to face at last with the men who really represented the faith and aspiration of southern Ireland and who alone could make an effective and lasting peace."

"Our greatest task," says Sir Hamar on conclusion, "was to allay suspicion, a work of magnitude that called for tremendous patience. The Prime Minister was a dominating and decisive figure. He concentrated all his energies toward the erection of a peace based upon trust and good will. The signing of the

treaty was, I think, the greatest personal achievement in his career. "It now remains for the Irish people of the south and the north to settle among themselves the future of their own country."

Collins Noncommittal.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—Michael Collins informed the correspondent of the Associated Press today that he did not feel justified in honor in saying anything before the meeting of the Dail Eireann on Wednesday.

"However," he added, "I signed the treaty, and my attitude is well known. I am going to make a statement of very great importance at the Dail meeting."

Asked whether he was pleased with Cardinal Logue's pronouncement, he answered good humoredly that he thought the question was an unfair one, but remarked: "The point is that not stand for reelection to form a separate group of non-cooperationists aimed whenever we have had a controversy in Ireland in the past we always went in for abusing each other. I want to show everyone that we can conduct this controversy without resort to such tactics."

Reiterating his desire not to prejudice the situation, Mr. Collins, in reply to another question, said the latest developments had not interfered in the slightest with the personal friendship between himself and De Valera.

Many members of the Dail Eireann visited the Mansion House today and discussed the Anglo-Irish situation in informal small groups.

In the discussions there was evidently an acute difference of opinion, but there was no sign of recriminations such as sometimes have been prevalent when opposing factions have discussed previous crises. The adherents to each side of the present argument generally regard those holding opposite views with a most friendly spirit, and no bitterness was apparent in their discussions.

According to present arrangements, no meeting of the Dail Cabinet can be held until after the session of the Dail Eireann.

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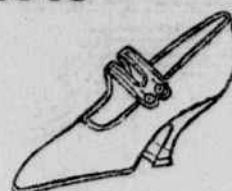
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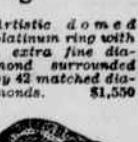
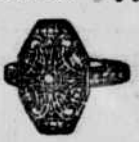


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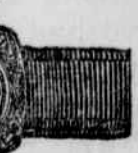
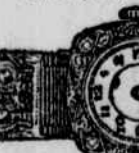
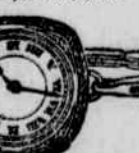
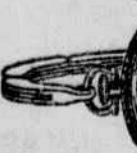
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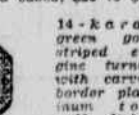
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